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The reply filed on May 15, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have elected Group I, claims 1-3. Applicants then cancelled all of the pending claims, including claims 1-3, and submitted new claims 36-109. Applicants then assert that all of the new claims 36-109 would belong as part of Group I. However, clearly claims 36-109 are not all drawn to the invention of Group I, which is drawn to a CC genome. The newly submitted claims include claims that clearly belong to other groups set forth in the restriction requirement, note claims 78-81 drawn to seed oil or seed meal, for example, which are in groups other than Group I in the restriction requirement. Thus, the election of Group I, as set forth in all of the newly submitted claims 36-109 is not fully responsive to the restriction requirement, since it is unclear which invention applicants have elected for prosecution on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth F. McElwain whose telephone number is (703) 308-1794. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

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